

**Bulletin Sentence: Matthew 14:30** “But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” The world, really, is a scary place – natural disasters, disease, terrorism, and a hundred other things. But where do we place our hope, our trust – our *vision*? Where do we look for aid and comfort? When Peter’s eyes were on the Lord, he had confidence. When he turned to look at his problems and took his eyes off the Lord, he fell apart. Sometimes God’s call to support the work of His Church with our offerings makes us nervous. But put your eyes back on your Lord, trust Him, follow His Word, and all, really, will be well.

**Regular office hours** will resume Monday, August 14th. Hours are Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Beaver Fire/Rescue Auxiliary** is offering reflective address markers for \$15.00. Order forms are available in the narthex of the church.

**Church Attendance August 5 & 6 , 2017**  
**Saturday: 75 Sunday: 141**

**Offerings for August 5 & 6 , 2017 \$ 12,398.00**  
(Weekly need is \$11,461.54)

**Those serving this week:**

**Organist:** L. Engelhardt

**Altar Guild for August:** Jan Devos 989-992-1343

**Sat:** ELDERS: Dennis Hyatt and Andy Diehl  
USHERS: Sully & Sawyer Whalen, Don & Kathy Hilbrandt

**Sun:** ELDERS: Pat Morand and Mark Treiber  
USHERS: Mark Steih, Sophia Steelmon, Nate & Elizabeth Green

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# Welcome

*I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.*

**August 12 & 13, 2017**

*Psalm 122:1*

The mission of Zion Lutheran  
is to better know & show Christ’s love.

**Worship Whys: Why do we stand in worship?** Those who are able, are frequently invited to stand in Lutheran worship. There are many good reasons for this. In most cultures when in the presence of a person of significant rank, people stand as a sign of respect for the office. We are familiar, for example, with the exhortation "All rise" when a judge enters a court room. Generally we stand in worship at the points which remind us most clearly of being in the presence of God Himself. Jesus said, "where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." So we stand at the invocation knowing that Jesus has promised to be present where his people call upon Him. We also stand for the reading of the Gospel lesson because in it we hear the words of Jesus himself who is now present with us. In the Bible when heavenly worship is pictured such as in Revelation 7, people are described as standing as they sing their praise to the living God. We similarly stand for doxological verses of hymn which praise the name of the Triune God. (These are indicated with a small triangle in the hymnal.)

**The Practice of Holy Communion:** The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, we request that only those who are instructed in the sacrament and one with us in faith take part today. Please speak to a pastor if you have a questions about this. The center of the tray holds white non-alcoholic wine.

**Our focus** today is on Jesus as he walks on the water and calms the winds and waves. Jesus walked on water and invites Peter to walk to him. Peter began to sink and Jesus saves him. Jesus saved Peter and Jesus saves us. He has the power to save because He is the Son of God. We trust in Jesus for forgiveness and love.

### This week at Zion

<b>Sun</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Worship w/ Communion 9 AM</b> <b>Bible Study 10:15 AM</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Worship with SOAR 7PM</b>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>17</b>	School Orientation 6PM
<b>Sat</b>	<b>19</b>	Adult Bible Class 5:45 PM <b>Worship 7 PM</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Worship 9 AM</b> New Worker installation

**Retable Flowers:** are given in memory of Robert (Al) and JoAnn Whitney on their 63rd wedding anniversary, from their family.

**Memorial:** a monetary gift has been received in loving memory of John Jammer to CGLT, from Luella Strohpaal.

**Discussion Bible Class** led by LeRoy Engelhardt will continue their study of *(The Lutheran Difference)*. They will meet in the conference room after Sunday service at 10:15 a.m.

**Pastor's Bible Class:** In the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Bible class we are studying the readings of the day. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about a reading that wasn't preached on or simply to dig deeper into the weekly readings. Please join us for the study Saturday at 5:45 p.m. in the sanctuary or Sunday at 10:15 a.m. in the cafeteria as we grow in our faith!

**It's that time of year again,** the start of school, confirmation instruction and Sunday school are right around the corner. This is a great time to begin another new member class. So, starting on Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>, during the Bible Study hour, I will be teaching the basics of the Faith as taught in Luther's Small Catechism. In addition to the catechism we will have a few other texts as well. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member please join us. If you are already a member but would simply like to have a refresher in the teachings of our church we'd love to have you. As always, there is no commitment to join Zion Lutheran after the class is finished. See you in September!

-Pastor Menz

**Faces of the Reformation** Bible study will not meet this Wednesday due to SOAR worship.

## Here We Stand

REFORMATION ANNIVERSARY DISTRICT-WIDE WORSHIP SERVICE

October 15, 2017 | Breslin Center, East Lansing

There are 3 months left until the joint worship service that will take place at the Breslin Center in Lansing! Zion is chartering a Blue Lakes bus for 56 people of all ages to attend the 500th Reformation Anniversary. Bus tickets are \$7.00 per person, please get your reservations in soon .Got questions? Contact a Fellowship Team member.

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Cheryl Riske 662-2538

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**Connecting college students to LCMS U:** It's back-to-school time! Do you know a student heading off to college, perhaps for the very first time? College can be tough on our young adults. They will be challenged by friends, professors and choices that are contrary to their Christian worldview. Please help your college students start the year off right by connecting them with an LCMS U chapter at their college or university. Visit [lcms.org/lcmsu/findcampus](http://lcms.org/lcmsu/findcampus) for a list of LCMS U chapters, or you may ask for help in making a connection where a chapter doesn't yet exist. Of course, you also are encouraged to contact campus ministries and congregations near colleges and universities directly. They would love to hear from you! The [LCMS U website](http://lcms.org/lcmsu) features connections to ministry partners, information on a weekly radio show for college students and other resources.

**This year's CROP Walk** to help reduce hunger will take place in Bay City on September 24. Information on how you can be involved in this fundraiser is on the bulletin board. Twenty Five percent of all funds raised are returned to the Bay County Emergency Food Pantry Network and are used specifically for Holiday basket gift certificates.

**July Financial Overview:** In the general fund, expenses exceeded income by \$1,386.93 for the month of July. Year to date in 2017, expenses exceeded income by \$31,516.30 in the general fund. The cash balance in the general fund at the end of July was \$61,213.09. Average weekly giving in July for envelope and loose offerings was \$9,586.98. Average weekly giving year to date for envelope and loose offerings was \$10,933.20. Our average weekly need estimate for envelope and loose offerings in 2017 is \$11,461.54. For more detailed reports, please see the financial statements which are available in the narthex. Thank you for your faithful stewardship and generous support to serve our Lord.